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In re Application of:  
J. Eric Lauritzen, et al.

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Erosion of Wellbore  
Components and Method  
of Fabricating Same

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**SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED MARCH 7, 2002**

This is a supplemental response to the Office Action dated March 7, 2002, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on June 7, 2002, please enter the following supplemental amendments and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. The Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 20-0782/WEAT/0072/WBP, for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

**REMARKS**

This is intended as a supplemental response to the Office Action dated March 7, 2002, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on June 7, 2002. No new matter is added and the claims are patentable for the reasons stated in the original Response and the Supplemental Response filed herewith.

**35 U.S.C. § 112**